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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-3 and add new claims 4-6 as follows:

--4. In a video game system having a game program executing processing system for executing said video game program and at least one player controller operable by a player to generate video game control signals, a player controller and a portable storage device for controlling storing said video game program for controlling the operation of said video game system; a method for operating said video game system comprising the steps:

sending a data request command to processing circuitry in said player controller to initiate the transfer of data from said player controller to said game program executing processing system;

processing said data request command by processing circuitry in said player controller to initiate the transfer of data to said game program executing processing system;

sending a further command to said player controller to initiate a predetermined operation in said controller; and

processing said further command by processing circuitry in said player controller to perform said predetermined operation.--

--5. A method according to claim 1, wherein player controller includes a RAM and said further command is a write to RAM command.--

--6. A method according to claim 1, wherein player controller includes a joystick and said data request command initiates the transfer of joystick related data to said game program executing processing system.--

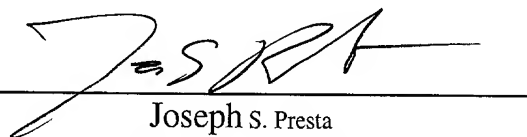
**REMARKS**

Favorable examination is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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